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In re application of

Gerard VALAT et al.

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Title: ITEM OF FOOTWEAR HAVING A RIGID SHELL AND FLEXIBLE PAD

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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May 12, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.